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A LETTER FROM Generall George Monck,

November the 12th:

Directed (and delivered) to the Lord *Maior*, Court of Alder-men. and Common-Council of the City of *London*: Inviting them and all true Engliſh-men, to give him aſsiſtance in his cor-dial uudertakings for the Re-demption of the Liberties of the People of *England*.

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LETTER

TO THE

Lord Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London.

Right Honourable,

UPon the first notice I had of the late force put upon the Parliament, I directed a Letter to you, to acquaint you, that my Resolutions, were according to my duty, to stand by them, and to endeavour their re-establishment; though with the hazard of whatsoever was dear to me: and that the Army under my command was very cordial and unanimous in that undertaking; but that Letter comming to a mischance, I have at the desire, and with the concurrence of the Officers here, again written to you, to let you know that we are still constant to our first resolutions, in which we are the more confirmed since we have been informed that the Authours of that force, have proceeded so far as to null, and make void Acts of Parliament, (which

the KING when he was at the higheſt, never pretended to doe, and which no true *English* man can endure to ſee done by any but Parliaments themſelves, and are now contriving by their own power and authourity to ſet up a new Government over the three Nations: if this be ſuffered I know not to what purpoſe all this bloud hath been ſpilt, all this treaſure ſpent, and all thoſe Engagements made. We muſt take upon our ſelves the guilt of all, and look upon this ſlavery we have brought upon our ſelves, as a judgement upon us for our murder, rapines and perjuries: I take God to witneſſe I have no other end, then to reſtore the Parliament to it's former freedome and authourity, and the people to their juſt rights and liberties, in which I am ſure I cannot want your aſſiſtance. It is not the deſire of any here that thoſe which truly fear God ſhould be hindered of their liberty to worſhip him according to their ſeveral perſwaſions or that the congregated Churches ſhould be abridged of any of the priviledges and freedomes they have bin uſed to enjoy, or even to claim; there are many Members of thoſe Churches with us, which can give this teſtimony; yet we could be content that ſome men would not under pretence of maintaining that liberty, endeavour the overthrow of the National Miniſtrie, and by conſequence leave the greateſt part of the people to utter ignorance and Athiſme; however this is

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ro' the thing for which we at preſent contend, we ſhall leave this and all other things to the Parliament, the confeſſed ſupream judicature of the Nation, but for the defence of that we are all reſolved to venture to the utmoſt. If this *Good Cauſe* ſhal miſcarry in my hands through want of your timely aſſiſtance, it will be too late for you to endeavour to ſupport it with your own ſtrength, and if it proſper, it will be diſhonourable for a City ſo famous, and ſo much concerned, that its liberties ſhould be aſſerted without its own help: I know you are ſo ſenſible of the intereſt of Gods people, the rights of the whole Nation, and of your own Charter (which cannot be ſafe in the hands of of theſe overturners, and which hath been already indirectly threatned by them) that you will not be wanting to that opportunity which God hath put into your hands: but now while their Army is waiting upon me in the North, uſe your utmoſt endeavours in the South, and therefore I ſhall need to uſe no other perſwaſion to *Engliſh* men, and men that have engaged along in the ſame *Cauſe*: but ſhall pray to God to unite your hearts, and ſtrengthen your hands in this good work, and remain,

Edenburgh,
12 *Novemb.*
1659.

Your Lordships very humble Servant

GEORGE MONCK.

Wednesday the 23th of November.

THis day the Lord Maior, Court of Aldermen and Common-Council being met at *Guild-Hall*, information was given to the Court, that there were two Gentlemen at the door with a Letter from General *Monck*, after some debate whether the Gentlemen should be called into the Court to deliver the same, it was voted (not above 9 or 10 of 200 then present dissenting) that they should, accordingly they were called in and delivered the said Letter, affirming that it came from General *Monck*, and that it was sealed with his own Coat of Armes, which was publickly read and very well resented, and after the reading thereof, one or two of the Court pretending that since the Letter was written, there was an agreement made by General *Moncks* Commissioners and the Officers of the Army, in consideration whereof, till further

ther iſſue of that agreement do appear, it was at preſent laid aſide.

This is publiſhed to the end that what ever hath been, or ſhall be Printed, that the Court was diſſatisfied, may have no credit, the ſame being very falſe and ſcandalous

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